

## MINUTES September 8, 2010

Location: Wellstone Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carrie Wasley, Susan Bishop, Jonathan Carter, Betsy Mowry, Dave Haley,

Andy Trcka and Paul Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erick Goodlow, Lynda Anderson

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Hahm, Bob Smith and Diana Berchem

GUESTS: Jeff Zaayer, Benita Warns, Bill Driver, Peggy Lynch and Jon Kerr

# 1. AGENDA, MINUTES, INTRODUCTION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. The meeting was called to order by Chair Wasley at 6:30 pm.

**b.** Commissioner Middleton moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Carter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two Commissioners absent.

c. Commissioner Bishop moved to approve the *July 2010 minutes*. Commissioner Mowry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Commissioner Trcka moved to approve the *August 2010 minutes*. Commissioner Bishop 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two Commissioners absent.

#### 2. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Peggy Lynch (guest) addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission with her comments to the Phalen Park Master Plan design of bike paths along the East Shore Drive in Phalen Park.
- **b.** Benita Warns (guest) addressed the Parks and Recreation Commission with her comments to the lack of roller skating rinks or a facility dedicated to roller skating in the City of St. Paul.
- c. Commissioner Middleton read an email comment that was received regarding outdoor basketball hoops at Hillcrest Recreation Center.
- d. Director Hahm relayed a comment from a resident relating to Douglas Park located on the west side.

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution #10-14 Payne/Maryland Naming/Recognition Plan

Bob Smith explained the naming/recognition plan is a way to get additional financial support for the development of the Payne/Maryland project from individuals and businesses by giving permanent commemorative naming recognition on and within the facility.

Director Hahm recommended approval of the naming/recognition plan.

Commissioner Haley motioned to approve Resolution #10-14. Commissioner Carter 2nd the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two Commissioners absent.

### b. Resolution #10-15 Animal Humane Society Lease - Bob Smith

Bob Smith briefed the Commission on the history of the Humane Society Lease and indicated that the lease is up for renewal. The Humane Society facility is located on park property (1115 Beulah Lane) and has leased this property for many years. The Department of Parks and Recreation recommends renewing the five (5) year lease for the nominal fee of \$1.00.

A slight language discrepancy was identified and corrected.

Commissioner Mowry motioned to approve Resolution #10-15 pending language correction. Commissioner Bishop 2nd the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 in favor with two Commissioners absent.

### 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### a. Bike Policy Issues/Annual Discussion

Director Hahm indicated that the Planning and Economic Development's Transportation Committee is now active and as the Parks and Recreation Commission designee, Commissioner Trcka can now report back to the Parks and Recreation Commission each month with updates from the Committee.

Director Hahm reviewed the purpose for the annual discussion of bike policy issues. Bike references found in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan were reviewed.

#### 5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. As noted in the July Director's Report, Director Hahm wanted to point out how well the Red Bull Flugtag event went. With as many people that were in attendance for this Harriet Island event (up to 100,000!), there were no major problems.

Director Hahm indicated that the Parks and Recreation System Plan draft will be released and discussed at the October Commission meeting,

With the reassignment of Rich Lallier, former Parks Operation's Manager, to Director of Public Works, Gary Korum is now the Operation Section Manager.

- b. Budget Update The Mayor's proposed budget was reviewed.
- c. Performance Measures/Financial Dashboard Director Hahm indicated there is no progress in data being updated on the Performance Measures/Financial Dashboard reports. When more data is ready, discussions will continue.

#### 6. SUBCOMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE REPORTS

### a. Dog Park - Commissioner Mowry

Commissioner Mowry indicated they raised \$700 at the recent dog wash. The Committee planned to offer a dog swim at Phalen Park, but due to a permit issue it was cancelled. They propose to offer it again in May 2011 with more advertisement and better planning.

#### b. Second Shift – Commissioner Mowry

A plan was presented to the Mayor on the Second Shift Learning Campus' throughout the City. There has been much discussion as to what the model should look like.

Director Hahm indicated that there can be a staff report briefing at the October or November Commission meeting.

### c. Blooming St. Paul - Commissioner Middleton

The next Blooming St. Paul meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13. Commissioner Middleton will report on the outcome at the October Commission meeting.

### d. Transportation Advisory Board - Commissioner Trcka

The next Transportation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13. Commissioner Trcka will report on the outcome at the October Commission meeting.

### e. Trees - Commissioner Goodlow

Commissioner Goodlow was not in attendance. No report given.

### f. Ramsey Conservation District - Chair Wasley

Chair Wasley provided a brief report.

### g. Phalen/Keller Master Plan - Commissioner Bishop

Commissioner Bishop indicated the Phalen/Keller Master Plan task force has ended. The next steps are to take the plan to various community groups, then to Metropolitan Council. The Phalen/Keller Master Plan will be an agenda item for the November Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

### h. Ford Initiative – Chair Wasley

Chair Wasley said there is a plan going forward to think of alternatives uses for the Ford site. There will be an open space discussion on Monday, September 27.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Middleton** motioned to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Commissioner Trcka**. The vote was 7 to 0 with two Commissioners absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.